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### OVERVIEW

With the February 19, 2016, deadline to introduce legislation fast approaching, we are tracking more bills on our legislative matrix each day. While new bills are introduced, some of the measures that were introduced in 2015 are dropped when they fail to meet deadlines. However, we still have a number of these bills, referred to as “two-year” bills that will be viable late into the session. Some bills, including AB 13 (Chavez) and AB 27 (Chavez), had their issues addressed through other measures and so these bills may be used as “vehicles” for other issues late in the session.

Below are brief summaries for our top priority, or “Tier 1” bills. For details and copies of any bill, please contact the Governmental Relations Division of the Chancellor’s Office or visit the Legislative Counsel’s website at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov> or its new website at: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>. The new website allows you to compare prior versions of the measure, review proposed changes in the law, etc.

### BILLS OF INTEREST

#### CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- **SB 66 (Leyva) Career Technical Education Pathways Program.** SB 66 requires the Economic and Workforce Development Program to align performance accountability measures with that of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. SB 66 also requires the California Department of Consumer Affairs make available to the California Community College Chancellor’s Office any licensure information that the department has on its boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs to help measure employment outcomes of students who participate in career technical education programs.
  - Position: Sponsor/Support
  - Status: SB 66 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly.

#### CAMPUS CLIMATE/CAMPUS SAFETY

- **AB 1594 (McCarty) Prohibition of Smoking and Vaping on Campus.** AB 1594 prohibits smoking tobacco products or the use of e-cigarettes on California State University and Community College campuses. The bill authorizes a fine of up to \$100 with the proceeds to go to support educational operations of the campus, education of the policy implemented by the bill, and tobacco treatment options for students.
  - Status: Introduced.
- **AB 1653 (Weber) Postsecondary Education: Campus Climate.** AB 1653 requires the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to generate a report on campus climate in their respective system and have the California Department of Justice provide guidance on the Clery Act and Violence

Against Women Act. If a district uses funds to support activities related to campus climate, then they are required to adopt policies on harassment, intimidation, and bullying. AB 1653 encourages the University of California to comply.

- Status: AB 1653 was sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.
- **AB 1654 (Santiago) Student Safety: Crime Reporting.** AB 1654 requires the Department of Justice to provide guidance on reporting requirements for the federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to public and private institutions of higher education starting January 1, 2017.
  - Status: AB 1653 was sent to the Assembly Committee on Public Safety.
- **AB 1778 (Quirk) Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Violence.** AB 1778 requires the three segments of higher education to conduct annual employee training on responding and reporting incidents of sexual violence in order to receive state funding for student financial assistance.
  - Status: Introduced.

## **FACULTY**

- **AB 1690 (Medina) Community Colleges: Part-Time, Temporary Employees.** AB 1690 is similar to AB 1010 (Medina) from 2015. The bill requires community colleges without collective bargaining agreements in effect as of January 1, 2017, or after January 1, 2017, to adopt specific minimum standards for the treatment of part-time, temporary faculty. These standards would include evaluation procedures, workload distribution, and seniority rights.
  - Status: Introduced.

## **GOVERNANCE**

- **AB 986 (Gipson) Community Colleges: Compton Community College District.** AB 986 requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to report to the Legislature on the priorities identified in each Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team report and to provide a response on how the Chancellor intends to resolve in a timely manner the issues identified in the report.
  - Status: AB 986 was sent to the Senate Committee on Education.
- **AB 1781 (Lopez) Community Colleges Board of Governors.** AB 1781 is a spot bill. As written it makes minor changes to Section 70900 of the California Education Code that do not affect the substance of current statute.
  - Status: Introduced.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **AB 1582 (Allen, T) Conflict of Interest Codes: Educational Institutions.** AB 1582 requires that the Conflict of Interest Code of each public postsecondary educational institution require an employee to disclose any form of compensation that the employee might have received as a result of a decision to adopt specific course material.
  - Status: AB 1582 was sent to the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting.

- **AB 1726 (Bonta) Data Collection.** AB 1726 is a reintroduction of last year's AB 176 (Bonta), which was vetoed by the Governor. The bill requires the segments of higher education to collect data on Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups and post on their respective websites statewide data on enrollment and completion by July 2017. The bill also requires that 18 months after the 2020 U.S. Census is released, the API subgroups reported by each segment include the subgroups used by the Census Bureau as well as additional subgroups. The bill also includes the state Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Health Care Services.
  - Status: Introduced.

### **STUDENT SERVICES**

- **SB 906 (Beall) Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Enrollment.** SB 906 revises the definition of foster youth to mean a person-in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday and who is no older than 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year, aligning it with the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program. SB 906 extends priority enrollment indefinitely to those students who are in Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services programs and to disabled students by removing the sunset.
  - Position: Sponsor/Support
  - Status: Introduced.

### **TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID**

- **AB 1449 (Lopez) Student Financial Aid: Community College Cal Grant.** AB 1449 authorizes a student to meet the California Community College Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award's high school graduation requirement by being a high school graduate, completing equivalency or by being a California resident on his or her 18th birthday.
  - Status: AB 1449 was sent to the Senate Committee on Education.
- **AB 1583 (Santiago) Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges.** AB 1583 is currently a spot bill with the goal to establish a California Promise Program and expand access to the California Community Colleges for California residents.
  - Status: Introduced.
- **AB 1721 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program.** AB 1721 raises the maximum award for access cost for the Cal Grant B program from \$1,551 to \$3,000. The bill also increases the age of eligibility from 28 years of age to 31.
  - Position: Sponsor/Support
  - Status: Introduced.
- **AB 1741 (Rodriguez) California Community College Promise Program.** AB 1741 is a spot bill that states legislative intent to establish the California Community Colleges Promise Program.
  - Status: Introduced.

- **AB 1747 (Weber) Food Assistance: Higher Education Students.** AB 1747 requires public and private postsecondary educational institutions to ensure that surcharge-free transactions are accessible through the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system. Institutions in a county that participates in the Restaurant Meals Program are required to apply to become approved vendors of the program. The bill excludes from the fee charged for cash withdrawal transactions any transactions processed through a point of sale device or an automatic teller machine on campuses. Higher Education institutions may receive matching funds for conducting CalFresh outreach activities. The bill would also establish the Public Higher Education Pantry Assistance Account in the Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund and would allocate funds to food banks that support on-campus pantry and hunger relief.
  - Status: Introduced.
  
- **SB 893 (Nguyen) Tuition and Fees: San Bernardino Dependents.** SB 893 prohibits the three segments of higher education from collecting fees from surviving dependents of the December 2, 2015, San Bernardino terrorist attack. The dependent must meet the financial need requirements of the Cal Grant A Program and resident requirements specified in the measure. The California Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board will determine qualification.
  - Status: SB 893 has been sent to the Senate Committee on Education.

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